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TWO YEARS OF WILSON

Greatest Record for Accomplishment of any President in Like Time

On the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's second inaugural, Woodrow Wilson completes half his presidential term.

These two years of the Wilson administration have helped to make more history than any other two years since Lincoln. The coming two years of the Wilson administration must inevitably be the most momentous period that this country has known since the civil war.

It is a fact of enormous importance that this crisis finds in the White House a president who is completely master of himself. Being master of himself, he is master of his party and of his administration.

There is no kitchen cabinet. There are no secret influences that pull and sway the policies of the executive. No underground wires run from the White House into Wall street or into the headquarters of any political committee. Men may agree with M. Wilson or disagree with him; they may like him or they may dislike him; but everybody knows that he and he alone will be president. Everybody knows that during the remaining two years of his term he and he alone will be president.

A very unusual man meets us with an unusual situation in the affairs of mankind—a president who in all his official relations displays neither vanity nor resentment nor anger nor personal ambition. If he has friends, their friendship counts for nothing in the affairs of state. If he has enemies, their enmity weighs nothing in the balance of government. He seeks neither to reward the one nor to punish the other.

So evenly does he hold the scales that the members of the diplomatic corps with all their highly developed facilities for obtaining information, have never been able to learn where the president's personal sympathies lie in the great conflict that is now devastating Europe. Whatever his individual opinions may be, he has smothered them in the responsibilities of his office.

At this period in their first term most presidents have been carefully calculating their chances for re-nomination and re-election. Nobody knows whether Mr. Wilson intends to be a candidate for re-election or that he would not refuse a re-nomination. What all of them know is that the president would not stoop from principle to win either a re-nomination or a re-election.

That is where his great strength lies. That is where his great usefulness lies in this crisis. It is easy to rattle the sabre. It is easy to make the welken ring. It is easy to be spectacular and sensational and theatrical. It is easy to be a demagogue. It is easy to juggle with the fate of a nation when no man can foresee what the next day will bring forth. But it is not easy to be calm and restrained and judicial. It is not easy to face every responsibility without prejudice and without passion. It's not easy to hew straight to the line of first principles, regardless of applause or censure or praise or denunciation. It is not easy to be sane when the world has given itself over to madness.

The enormous good fortune of the

people of the United States in the storm and stress of these coming years is that their chief magistrate is sane—the sanest mind today that is intrusted with the responsibility of government anywhere in civilization.—New York World.

Violate All Pledges

Santa Fe, N. M., March 11.—Another campaign pledge was brazenly violated, and the legislative records further stained, when the Republican house majority voted to enact the Fleming gambling bill, the object of which is to "remove the lid" from gambling in New Mexico. The bill repeals the anti-gambling law of 1913, and all other acts in conflict with it, leaving the state absolutely without a single provision for the enforcement of its first section, which states simply that "it shall be unlawful to run or operate any banking game or game of chance." Saloon men and gamblers have been lobbying actively for the measure and if it becomes a law there will be nothing to prevent a return of the "wide open" days of old. One of the planks of the Republican platform pledged the party to a rigid enforcement of the laws regulating the liquor traffic and those prohibiting gambling.

After providing political measures and investigations for the amusement of the majority legislators for several weeks, the Republican bosses sprung their made-to-order taxation measures and had them promptly passed. The bills were framed and pushed through both houses by Springer, Bursum and Hawkins. One Bursum bill provides for a weak tax commission, and the other—the Hawkins bill—authorizes the taxation of the net product of coal and metal mines. Ralph C. Ely, Republican state chairman, who has been demanding that the Republican majority make good its pledge to give the state an effective tax commission, declares the Bursum bill represents a "reversal of policies," and calls the Hawkins bill a "delusion and a snare." He calls attention to the fact that the commissioners provided for by the Bursum bill "have no plenary power, and will exercise only the same functions that used to be exercised by the old territorial board of tax commissioners, under which our present abuses developed and flourished." In connection with the mine tax measure, which allows coal and metal mines to deduct all expenses of every kind and discription before making a return for taxation, Mr. Ely points out that it was drawn by the author of the notorious Hawkins law of 1903, a law, he says, "that was so unfair to the unfortunate and to the weak that Congress annulled it, and all America laughed at us."

With the object of preventing a vote on the question of submitting a prohibition amendment, the Republican house majority, spurred on by the liquor lobby, added falsification of its records to its long list of shameful actions. On the afternoon of March 5 adjournment was quickly taken until 10 o'clock the following morning when it became noised about that friends of the prohibition movement intended take action that would force a discussion and vote. The action contemplated was the introduction of another resolution providing for submission, all those previously introduced having been stowed away securely in the committee on state affairs. At the time of adjournment the majority believed



Hon. Harvey B. Fergusson

New Mexicans, regardless of party affiliation, will be glad to know of the appointment of Hon. Harvey B. Fergusson, who has so ably represented the state in the national congress, as private secretary to Secretary of State William J. Bryan. The position is one of great importance and requires tact and ability of the highest order. The appointment indicates that Mr. Fergusson stands high in democratic councils at the national capital.

Hang up Your Hat

Washington, March 8.—An interesting story has just come to light regarding the appointment of former Congressman Harvey B. Fergusson as private secretary to Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan.

Shortly after the adjournment of congress at noon on March 4, Mr. Fergusson received a telephone call from Secretary Bryan, who asked that the New Mexico man call around at his offices. He complied with the request. He did not have to wait in an ante-room to see the secretary of state. Mr. Bryan came forth to meet him.

"Have you made any arrangements for the future?" asked Mr. Bryan rather abruptly.

"No," replied the former congressman. "I lost my job today at 12 o'clock, and I haven't got another as yet."

"Are you open to a proposition?" was Mr. Bryan's next query.

"I certainly am," came the answer. "Hang up your hat," said the secretary of state. "You are my private secretary."

It was rather sudden, but Mr. Fergusson hung up his hat. He and Secretary Bryan have been personal and political friends for a number of years and have fought the battles of democracy together when there were few to fight with them. Mr. Fergusson has been a consistent supporter of Secretary Bryan, and there was little surprise when the announcement of his appointment was made.

The vacancy which Mr. Fergusson was named to fill was caused by the appointment of Mr. Bryan's former secretary to an important diplomatic position, and it is not unlikely that Mr. Fergusson himself is in line of promotion in the diplomatic service.

It was effectively avoiding the possibility of a new resolution under the constitutional provision prohibiting the introduction of any bill or joint resolution within six days of the final adjournment without unanimous consent. However, after scurrying to cover that afternoon some of the more cautious majority members contended that the six days might possible be held to date from noon of March 6, and in order to make

assurance doubly sure the record of the house was deliberately changed to show that the afternoon of March 5 adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock the following afternoon, instead of 10 o'clock the following morning. This action provided an other demonstration that there is no limit to which the Republican caucus majority is not willing to go.

W. W. Bailey of near Greenville, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Dr. J. T. Gaines of Nara Visa, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Herzstein Seed Co. for your Onion sets and seed potatoes all varieties. 10-21.

Fred Wolford of near Amistad, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Water barrels for sale \$1.00 each at Pioneer Garage.

Manuel Mendoza of Des Moines, was a business visitor in the county seat Thursday and Friday.

J. Andres Pacheco, the Cuates merchant, was in the city several days this week.

Now's the time to plant your seed wheat Herzstein Seed Co. home grown non-irrigated.

O. L. Johnson of the Cimarron country, attended to business in the city Wednesday and Thursday.

Geo. V. Hagan of the Otto neighborhood, was a trader and business visitor in the city Friday.

Span of small mules for sale. Inquire of L. A. Wikoff, Clayton.

H. H. Burris of near Des Moines, attended to business in the county seat Monday.

Joe Bunch of Des Moines, was in the city Thursday and Friday serving as witness in a case before district court.

Methodist Notes

for Sunday, March 14th.

9:15 a. m. Morning School.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship and

Sermon by The Rev. Dr. S. A. Bright.

3:00 p. m. Preaching at

Apache Valley School-House. 7:00

p. m. Young People's meeting, led

by Mrs. Woodward. 7:45 p. m.

Evening worship, and sermon by the

Pastor. Subject: "Failing in a Pinch."

Immediately after the morning Ser-

mon the Diet Superintendent will

conduct the Second Quarterly Con-

ference. A large attendance is

desired. Rehearsal of the Chorus

on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Mid-week service for bible-study on

Wednesday evening at seven thirty

o'clock. Children's class for instruction

in the Catechism on Friday

afternoon at four-fifteen o'clock.

Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

Herzstein Seed Co. for your onion

sets and seed potatoes, all varieties.

I. P. Vernon, the old democratic

warhorse of the Centerville country,

attended to business in the county

seat Monday, Tuesday and Wednes-

day. Of course he squared his

News subscription for another year,

and also made the editor a present

of a new John B. Stetson hat. We

are not in the habit of receiving

such presents, but do not propose

to form the habit of declining them.

Mr. Vernon says that The News'

way of eternally fighting for its

principles suits him to a dot, and

admonishes us to keep it up. They

all like it.

ORIENTAL LADY MINSTRELS

A High Class Entertainment to be Given by Clayton High School.

The high and upper grades are going to present what promises to be the greatest local show ever seen in Clayton. A minstrel show with the ladies in Oriental costume, and the men blacked up for fun and foolishness.

Hurry, hurry, hurry, it's about to begin! Hurry, hurry, hurry, or you'll never get in.

When you hear that band, take your lady by the hand.

And hurry, hurry, hurry, to the opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Kiefer, two most successful professional directors of plays are managing the performances, which abound in music, fun and local hits. There will be two shows, one at 7:15 sharp and one at 9:00, at the opera house, Monday evening, March 22.

"Julius Caesar"

One of Geo. Kleine's latest and greatest dramas, will be shown at The Dixie Theatre Monday, March 15th. Matinee 2:30 p. m., regular show at 7:30. Watch for our advertising matter.

Farmers And Ranchmen

A farmers convention will be held at the courthouse Saturday, April 3, 1915, for the purpose of organizing a county clearing house on the plans proposed by the Farmers Society of Equity.

Prominent speakers have been chosen for the occasion, and matters of importance to each and every one will be discussed.

Come out; the presence of every farmer and ranchman is desired. W. E. Canton, Co. Sec'y, F. S. E., Clayton, N. M.

Socratic club

Met Friday night at Judge Phillips office. Quite a few were present. Messrs. McDonald, Phillips and Savage discussed the subject of Socialism, which proved very interesting. Next meeting will be held Friday evening, March 26. The subject for discussion at the next meeting will be government ownership of railroads.

Now's the time to plant your seed wheat Herzstein Seed Co. home grown non-irrigated.

Mrs. C. E. Keller, Dead

Mrs. C. E. Keller, wife of Dr. C. E. Keller, the dentist, died Monday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks duration. Mrs. Keller was a victim of the great white plague. The remains were shipped to the old family home at Carydon, Indiana, for interment, and were escorted from the home in this city to the depot by members of the Rova! Neighbors of America, of which the deceased was a faithful member. Dr. Keller, the husband, and Mrs. Ott, mother of the deceased, accompanied the remains to Indiana. Mrs. Keller was popular with a large circle of friends in Clayton, who join The News in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and mother.